

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action of September 11, 2006, Applicants request re-examination and reconsideration of this application for patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132.

Claim Status/Support for Amendments

Claims 1-18 and 22-49 have been cancelled. Claims 50-57 have been added. Claims 19-21 are withdrawn from consideration. It is understood that claims 19-21, drawn to the non-elected invention of Group III, will remain pending, albeit withdrawn from consideration on the merits at this time. Applicants retain the right to present the non-elected claims 19-21 in a divisional application. Claims 19-21 and 50-57 remain pending in the instant application.

Pursuant to a telephone conference on April 18, 2008 between Dr. Michael Salter, Ferris Lander and Examiner Standley, the above amendments to the claims were made.

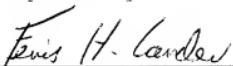
It was agreed that the specification clearly supported the claims as now amended, and that the instant amendments would be sufficient to obviate any scope of enablement issues, as had been explored by Examiner Standley during the teleconference.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner will now find the claims of the application allowable. Favorable reconsideration of this application is courteously requested.

The Examiner may cancel any remaining withdrawn claims upon issuance of a Notice of Allowance, such cancellation being without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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